

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A seal for an optical unit constituting an automobile indicator or illuminating light, intended to be mounted between the optical unit and a support in which it is inserted, the seal comprising:

a sheet of flexible material having a first side, a second side, an outer perimeter, a thickness defined by the distance between the first side and the second side and an internal orifice defining an inner perimeter dimensioned to receive the unit, the first side having comprising:

(1) a first portion having a surface extending from the inner perimeter to the outer perimeter disposed at a top portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material, the first portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material comprises at least one lip having a height greater than the thickness of the sheet of flexible material and

(2) a second portion having a surface extending from the inner perimeter to the outer perimeter disposed at a top portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material and a central portion of the first side of the flexible sheet of material disposed between the top portion and the bottom portion, the second portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material comprises no lip,

wherein the at least one lip provides a point of compression against the abutting surface of the optical unit and produces a compressive force between the optical unit and the

surface of the second portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material, and
~~wherein the second side of the sheet of flexible material comprises a self-adhesive~~
~~surface skin portion and wherein the top and bottom portions of the sheet of flexible~~
~~material comprises a material that is more flexible than the material comprising the~~
~~central portion of the sheet of flexible material; and~~

~~at least one lip with a height greater than the thickness of the sheet of flexible~~
~~material disposed on the first surface of the first side and extending perpendicular thereto,~~
~~wherein the second surface of the first side comprises no lip.~~

2. (cancelled)
3. (previously presented) The seal according to claim 1, wherein the sheet of flexible material comprises cellular EPDM.
4. (withdrawn) Method of manufacturing a seal according to claim 1, which method consists of producing a strip by extrusion, cutting it into sheets with a dimension equal to that of the seal and cutting out the said internal orifice.
5. (withdrawn) Method according to Claim 4, wherein the cutting into sheets and the cutting of the said orifice are simultaneous.
6. (currently amended) A seal for an optical unit constituting an automobile indicator or illuminating light, intended to be mounted between the optical unit and a support in which it is inserted, the seal comprising:

a sheet of flexible material having a first side, a second side, an outer perimeter, a thickness defined by the distance between the first side and the second side and an internal orifice defining an inner perimeter dimensioned to receive the unit, the first side

having comprising:

(1) a first portion having a surface extending from the inner perimeter to the outer perimeter disposed at a top portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material, the first portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material comprises at least one lip having a height greater than the thickness of the sheet of flexible material,

(2) a second portion having a surface extending from the inner perimeter to the outer perimeter disposed at a bottom portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material, the second portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material comprises no lip, and

(3) a central portion having a surface extending from the inner perimeter to the outer perimeter of the first side of the flexible sheet of material disposed between the top first portion and the bottom second portion,

wherein the at least one lip provides a point of compression against the abutting surface of the optical unit and produces a compressive force between the optical unit and the surface of the second portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material, wherein the second side of the sheet of flexible material comprises a self-adhesive surface skin portion, and wherein the top and bottom first and second portions of the first side of the sheet of flexible material comprises a material that is more flexible than the material comprising the central portion of the sheet of flexible material,; and

at least two lips each having a height greater than the thickness of the sheet of flexible material and being disposed on the first surface of the first side and extending perpendicular thereto, wherein the second surface of the first side comprises no lip.

7. (currently amended) A seal for an optical unit constituting an automobile indicator or illuminating light, intended to be mounted between the optical unit and a support in which it is inserted, the seal comprising

a sheet of flexible material having a first side, a second side, an outer perimeter, a thickness defined by the distance between the first side and the second side and an internal orifice defining an inner perimeter dimensioned to receive the unit, the first side having comprising:

(1) a first portion having a surface extending from the inner perimeter to the outer perimeter ~~disposed at a top portion of the first side~~ of the sheet of flexible material, the first portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material comprises a lip having a height greater than the thickness of the sheet of flexible material,

(2) a second portion having a surface extending from the inner perimeter to the outer perimeter ~~disposed at a bottom portion of the first side~~ of the sheet of flexible material, the second portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material comprises no lip, and

(3) a central portion having a surface extending from the inner perimeter to the outer perimeter ~~of the first side~~ of the flexible sheet of material disposed between the ~~top~~ first portion and the ~~bottom~~ second portion of the sheet of flexible material,

wherein the lip provides a point of compression against the abutting surface of the optical unit and produces a compressive force between the optical unit and the surface of the second portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material, wherein the second side

of the sheet of flexible material comprises a self-adhesive surface skin portion, and
~~wherein the top and bottom~~ first and second portions of the sheet of flexible material
comprises a each comprise material that is more flexible than the material comprising the
central portion of the sheet of flexible material, and the lip comprises a material of a
different hardness than that of any portion of the flexible sheet of material; and

~~a lip with a height greater than the thickness of the sheet of flexible material and~~
~~perpendicular thereto, wherein a junction between said lip and said sheet of flexible~~
~~material is substantially perpendicular to the plane of the seal, and~~

~~wherein said lip comprises a material of a different hardness than that of said~~
~~sheet of flexible material and one of the first and second surfaces of the first side~~
~~comprises no lip.~~

8. (cancelled)

9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) The seal according to claim 1, wherein at least two of the
lips extend parallel to each other along the ~~first~~ surface of the first portion of the first side
of the sheet of flexible material.

11. (currently amended) The seal according to claim 10, wherein at least two of the
lips extending parallel to each other along the ~~first~~ surface of the first portion of the first
side of the sheet of flexible material have different heights.

12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) The seal according to claim 6, wherein at least two of the
lips extend parallel to each other along the ~~first~~ surface of the first portion of the first
side of the sheet of flexible material

14. (currently amended) The seal according to claim 13, wherein at least two ~~of the~~ lips extending parallel to each other along the ~~first~~ surface of the first portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material have different heights.
15. (cancelled)